



OUR LADY IMMACULATE  
TOLWORTH

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# Parish News

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My Dear People

As I was reflecting on what to share with you this week I looked back on what was happening during the week. I am sure you will agree with me there were so many events both near at home and far away grabbed our attention and perhaps made us think and reflect what all those events meant.

To begin with last Saturday while we enjoyed a wonderful South Indian Cultural evening in aid of the Lenten Project supporting four worthy causes, what grabbed the attention of the media was Pope Francis' visit to Lesbos and his return with twelve Syrian refugees that evening, giving them some hope. Pope Francis certainly by his life shows the Mercy of God in everything he does. During the week the nation mourned the death of Victoria Wood and the music lovers mourned the death of singer Prince, both at a very young age. Thursday we celebrated the 90th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and during our morning Mass we prayed for her. Tomorrow (I am writing these few words on Thursday 22nd) 23rd April is the birthday of Frederic Ozanam, who was born in 1813. He founded the St. Vincent de Paul Society 20 years later in Paris. All the members of St. Vincent de Paul Society all over the world will be remembering him with gratitude. And now 183 years later SVP is in nearly 150 countries with over 800,000 members worldwide. I take this opportunity to thank the members of the SVP - both senior and junior—in our parish for all the work they do. Of course we will also celebrate the feast of St. George the patron saint of England.

There were so many things that grabbed the attention, at least my attention, not to mention the campaigning for all kinds of elections both nearer home and far away. And I was reflecting on the presence of God in all these events, where is God in these situations. God is always with us and it is us who forget to recognize his loving presence with us in everything and in every moment of our lives—

in good moments and in moments of sadness, pain and hurt. I know it is difficult to understand it.

But then I read the homily of Pope Francis' morning homily at mass on Wednesday 21st at Santa Casa Marta. He said that *"we must memorize the beautiful deeds God has worked in our lives. He stressed that our faith is made stronger when we recall all the key moments and signs which God has been active and present is us. We must look back to see how God has saved us, follow with hearts and minds this path.....It is good for the Christian heart to memorize my journey, my personal journey.....Memory draws us close to God"*

What a wonderful homily and thought not just for the day but for a lifetime! Those words of Pope Francis really gave me a real boost and they were another special invitation to a greater relationship with God. I would like to share those words of Pope Francis with you this weekend and invite you to respond to those words every day.

God love you all

Canon Edward Perera

**23rd/24th April 2016**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year C)**

**Sat 6.30pm** Veronica Heaton (David Heaton)  
**Sun 9.00am** Ottavio D'Agostino (Franco D'Agostino)  
**11.00am** People of the Parish  
**12.30pm** **Baptisms:** Larna  
**6.00pm** **Mass of Acceptance—Confirmation**  
Andrew Trutwein (Heather and George Trutwein)  
Special Intention (Genevieve)

**FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER (Year C)**

**25th—30th April 2016**

**Mon 25th** **Saint Mark**  
**9.30am** Alice Pappalardo  
(Denise and Martin Collette)  
**Tues 26th** **Feria**  
**9.30am** Holy Souls  
**Wed 27th** **Feria**  
**9.30am** James Daly RIP  
**Thurs 28th** **Saint Anselm**  
**9.30am** Mary Linstead RIP  
**Fri 29th** **Saint Catherine of Siena**  
**9.30am** Francis and Magdaliya D'Souza  
(Mrs Fazal)  
**Sat 30th** **Feria**  
**9.00am** Peter Rodrigues

**30th April/1st May 2016**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year C)**

**Sat 6.30pm** Alan Philips RIP (Pat Buchanan UCM)  
**Sun 9.00am** Zelia Belo RIP (Hernanda Fox)  
**11.00am** People of the Parish  
**12.30pm** **Baptisms:** No baptisms  
**6.00pm** Deceased Family and Friends of H. and G. Trutwein (H. and G. Trutwein)  
Jegasingham RIP (Genevieve)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION THIS WEEK**  
**Saturdays 9.30-10.00am and 5.30 to 6.00pm**

**Next Sunday's Readings— 6th Sunday of Easter (C)**

**First Reading:** Acts 15:1-2. 22-29

**Second Reading:** Apocalypse 21: 10-14. 22-23

**Gospel** John 14:23-29

**Last Week's Collection : £1733.19**

**Collection for Ecclesiastical Education £364.77**

**Thank you for your continued generosity.**

**Today there is a Second Collection for the maintenance of Saint George's Cathedral.**



**Death**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Leslie Kelly who died recently. The funeral will take place on Tuesday 3rd May at 11am.

**Please remember in your prayers all those who have died especially those whose anniversary falls at this time. We remember also all those who mourn the loss of loved ones.**

**Please remember and pray for the sick, the housebound and all who care for them, especially those within our own parish community:**

Vanessa Andrew, Arthur Bailey, Christina Beyer, Jim Creighan, Reynario Diaz, Martin Dray, Anthony Durkin, Tony and Mavis Fisher, Geoff Grenade, Anne Groves, Thomas Haley, Jan Leightley, Roisin Loftus, Frances Powell, Simon Munnelly, Pat Parker, Lewis Penn, Cecelia Russell, Rouben Sarkissian, Cerys Sullivan, Roman Szymanski, Chris Wade and Mrs Wallace.

**REGULAR EVENTS IN THE PARISH**

**SVP** meet fortnightly on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in RDJ Room. **Next meeting: 27th April.**

**To contact SVP please ring 07427922420.**

**Junior SVP** meets at 6.30pm.

**Justice & Peace Group** meet on the second Monday of each month at 7.45 in the RDJ Room, except July, August and December.

**St Vincent de Paul Coffee/Tea in the Old Chapel**

Every 3rd Sunday of every month after the 9am mass.

**Afternoon Tea and Chat in the RDJ Room**

2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 2pm.

**Monthly Syro Malabar Mass** is on the third Monday of each month at 5.30pm

**Library:** last Sunday of the month - after all masses (RDJ Room).

**Union of Catholic Mothers** meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month (except August) at 8pm in the RDJ room until further notice.

**Knights of St Colomba** every 3rd Monday at 8pm in RDJ Room.

**Cafe:** Every Wednesday after the morning mass in the RDJ room.

**The Parish Library is open this weekend.**

**Special Collection to promote humanitarian support for the needy of Ukraine**

On the 3rd April, during his *Regina Caeli* address, Pope Francis asked that all Catholic Church in Europe take up a special collection for those who are suffering the consequences of violence in Ukraine. He said: "*I invite the faithful to join in this initiative with a generous contribution. This act of charity, in addition to alleviating material suffering, seeks to express my personal closeness and solidarity and that of the entire Church.*"

Archbishop Peter asks that all Parishes take a second collection at Masses on the Sixth Sunday of Easter (30th April and 1st May). NB: This is one week later than the date chosen by Pope Francis, as a diocesan collection, for the maintenance of St George's Cathedral, is already in the calendar for that weekend. Parishes are asked to send a cheque to the Diocesan Finance Office as soon as possible after the collection is taken.

## SACRAMENTS and LITURGY in the Parish

### Baptisms in the Parish

Parents who want to have their children baptised are expected to follow the Baptism Preparation Sessions. These sessions are held on the First and Second Sunday of the month (except in the month of August) between 10.00am –11.00am in the parish hall.

**Please speak to the priests first and then register for the sessions as early as possible.** Parents need to attend both sessions. Once they have completed the prepa-

rations, the parents can discuss the date of the baptism and collect the Baptism Registration Forms and the forms to be completed by the Parish Priest and the God Parents. No dates for baptism can be arranged until both preparation sessions are completed.

**Sacrament of Confirmation Reconciliation** is on Tuesday 26th April at 7.00pm  
**Candidates next preparation session** is on Tuesday 10th May at 6.30pm.

**Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated on 14th May at 11am.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** Next sessions is on Monday 25th April at 6.30pm in the presbytery.

### First Holy Communion

#### Next Meetings

Parents: Monday 16th May at 7.45pm  
Children: Sat. 21st May at 10.30am.

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

### Repository

First Holy Communion and Confirmation cards and gifts are now on sale after the weekend Masses. Pat Buchanan 0208 399 2300.

### The Old Chapel

Unfortunately all the work in the Old Chapel has not been completed as yet. Therefore the Blessing of The Old Chapel will not take place as planned on the 30th April. A new date will be announced once all the work is completed.

### Parish Dinner—Friday 29th April

Thank you to all who booked for the Parish Dinner on Friday 29th April. I look forward to seeing you on the night.

Any queries please contact Andrew Richardson at; [andrew@andrewkrichardson.co.uk](mailto:andrew@andrewkrichardson.co.uk)

### Bedding Plant Sale

If you wish to order bedding plants, please place your order and payment in an envelope marked "Bedding Plants" and post through the presbytery door by **11th May**.

### Jumble Sale - Saturday 7th May 2016

Doors Open 1.30pm. Admission £1.00  
This ever-popular event is again being organised by the KSC and UCM in aid of the **Lenten Parish Project**. The organisers would be most grateful for any items of jumble, in good condition, you wish to donate such as clothes, shoes, handbags, kitchenware and utensils, cutlery and crockery, glassware, books and pictures, children's games and toys, and general bric-a-brac. **The organisers are sorry they are NOT able to accept any furniture.** Items of jumble should be brought to the Parish Hall between 9am and 11am on the morning of the sale. If you wish to have your jumble collected before the day of the sale please contact either Alex (020 8399 0833) or Leo (020 8390 2500). Encourage your friends and neighbours to come to the sale.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### April

Tues	26th	7.00pm	Reconciliation—Confirmation
Fri	29th	7.30pm	Parish Meal
Sat	30th		Blessing of Old Chapel after 6.30pm Mass

#### May

Tues	3rd	8.00pm	Liturgy Meeting
Wed	4th	7.00pm	Finance Meeting
Tues	10th	6.30pm 8.00pm	Confirmation Candidates Session Meeting of Parish Council
Sat	14th	11.00am	Confirmation
Mon	16th	7.45pm	First Communion Parents Meeting
Sat	21st	10.30am	First Communion Children Session

#### June

Mon	6th	7.45pm	First Communion Parents Meeting
Sat	11th	10.30am	First Communion Children Session
Tues	14th	8.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
Sat	18th / Sun	19th	First Holy Communion Weekend
Mon	20th	7.30pm	First Communion Parents Meeting
Tues	21st	8.00pm	Parish Council AGM
Sat	25th	10.30am	First Communion Get-together
Sun	26th	2.00pm	Baptism Get-together

## DEANERY /DIOCESAN / LOCAL EVENTS

### Mass for New Catholics

Saturday 14th May, 11am at St George's Cathedral. After Mass there will be a Q & A session with the Archbishop. Godparents, sponsors, family, clergy, catechists, parishioners and friends are also warmly invited.

### Study Day for New and Potential Catechists Saturday 11 June 2016

The day will comprise 4 sessions including input and discussion on: The vocation of the catechist, First Holy Communion, Reconciliation, Confirmation, Baptism, the Liturgy, RCIA, prayer, safeguarding advice and practical guidance on working with adults and children.  
Time and Venue: 10am for 10.30am -4.00pm at Catholic Formation, Tooting Bec Road, SW17 8BS.

**SAINTS of MERCY**

Post-Easter talks at Amigo Hall, Lambeth Rd, SE1 6HR

**Talks begin at 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm)**

Entry is free, however, donations will be welcomed.

Refreshments provided. Register at 020 8672 7684;  
office@tootingbec.org.uk or www.ccftootingbec.org.uk

Thurs 28 April	<b>Pope Saint John Paul II</b> A Passion for Mercy with Pierpaolo Finaldi, CCF
Thurs 5 May	<b>St Josephine Bakhita</b> A Life of Fortitude and Mercy with Cecilia Suarez
Thurs 12 May	<b>SS Padre Pio &amp; Leopold Mandić</b> Saints of the Confessional with Fr Martin Mikuskiewicz, OFM Cap

**House of Prayer Events**

**Saturday, 30 April:**

**Daily Prayer and Daily Living** led by Revd. Dr. Andrew Walker. This day will explore how daily prayer can bear fruit in greater engagement with life and with the world.

**Saturday, 28 May:**

**History, Richness and Theology of Icons** led by Sister Esther Pollak. This day will include a brief look at the history and theology of Icons and a powerpoint presentation on ways of prayerful reflections with Icons of the Trinity, Easter and others.

**Venue:** House of Prayer, 35 Seymour Rd, East Molesey, Surrey KT8 0PB. **Time:** 10.00am—4pm

**Cost:** £20. Please bring a packed lunch.

*Please contact us on: 020 8941 2313 or e-mail:*

*houseofprayer@hotmail.co.uk to reserve a place*

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**FAMILIAS**

Nikki Dhillon-Keane, a counsellor with extensive experience of working with victims of domestic abuse will guide participants through:

- understanding the prevalence & types of domestic abuse
- considering appropriate responses when someone shows signs of domestic abuse
- looking at how we might develop local responses in our own dioceses, parishes, schools, communities, etc.

**London 16th May** 10am for 10.30am—3pm: The Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Rd, SE1 6HR  
**Contact:** Phil Pond Tel: 020 8651 2477 Email: philippond@blueyonder.co.uk

**Entry:** £10 for FAMILIAS members/associates/friends; others £20. Booking is essential. Bring a packed lunch.

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**Marriage and Family Life**

**Marriage MoT** - Saturday April 30th at Holy Cross School, New Malden from 9.45am-4.30pm. To book contact: 0206 651 2477 or marriage2014@virginmedia.com

**Celebrating** a special wedding anniversary? Archbishop Peter invites you to renew your vows and celebrate a Mass at 3pm on Saturday June 18th at St George's Cathedral. Your family are welcome too. Sign your name on the form at the back of the church to receive a personal invitation.

**Marriage Preparation Days 2016**

Please see notice board for dates/venues/booking details.

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**Pilgrimages /Retreats**

**Pilgrimage to Holy Land**—Following in the Footsteps of Our Lord Jesus Christ. From 6th to 14th September 2016 including all excursions for £1,169, flying from London Heathrow.

**Pilgrimage to Fatima**

From 20th-26th November 2016 including all excursions for £639, flying from London Heathrow.

For further information on both the above call Mrs Mozzi on 0208 472 0843 or 07859 027301

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in the Year of Mercy is on 19th-26th August.** This year the pilgrimage will be led by Archbishop Peter Smith. Bookings are now being accepted. Please speak to Fr Edward, Diocesan Director of Pilgrimages for booking forms. It would be great to have a group from the parish in this Year of Mercy.

**Love Heals—Body Mind and Spirit Ministry**

**7 Day Retreat** in Portugal at Castle De Vide Retreat House. 9th-15th June. See notice board for details.

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**Living Fully 2016: Disability, Culture and Faith**

'In June this year, Bishop Paul Hendricks alongside the Kairos Forum UK and in partnership with the Pontifical Council for Culture, will be coordinating two exciting events in Rome, for the Jubilee Year. These events are creative, international and ecumenical. Our celebratory activities will interweave the Gospel with the lives, stories and experiences of people of all abilities'.

**1. 23 June:** An academic symposium, Living Fully 2016: Disability, Culture and Faith.

**2. 24-26 June:** A creative and vibrant conference, Living Fully 2016: Disability, Culture and Faith: A Celebration including a differentiated, parallel programme for people who have been intellectually disabled, enabling them to celebrate and promote their vital place within the Body of Christ.

Please do share the news and join us for these events. Information and how to book can be found on

[www.livingfully2016.com](http://www.livingfully2016.com) or by calling Cristina Gangemi on 01883372114 or [cgangemi.kairos@gmail.com](mailto:cgangemi.kairos@gmail.com)

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**Faith and Fun for all the Family**

**'Celebrate'** Celebrate Twickenham is on weekend 18th/19th June (non residential) at St Mary's University, Twickenham TW1 4SX. Faith filled and fun event combining good Catholic teaching, inspirational speakers and Celebration of the Liturgy. More information plus booking form from

[www.celebrateconference.org/weekends/twickenham/](http://www.celebrateconference.org/weekends/twickenham/)

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**Outdoor Service at the Tennis Tournament**

Surbiton Racket and Fitness Club are keen for the Churches Together in Surbiton to run a "Songs of Praise" type service as part of the community festival which opens the Aegon Tennis Tournament which they are hosting. This will take place at 9am Sunday 5th June on the main grass court, this has seating stands for approx 550 plus standing room, up to 1000 people could be accommodated if required. In the event of rain the large catering marquee will be used. The service will be advertised in the local community and the Davis Cup trophy (last won by Team GB) will be on display. Volunteer stewards will be needed to help direct people to the service etc. More information to follow.

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